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TAGS: EEWT, ENRG, JA, CH  
SUBJECT: REPORTED CHINESE OFFER TO JAPAN FOR JOINT  
CONTINENTAL SHELF DEVELOPMENT

1. SANKEI SHIMBUN REPORTED JULY 13 THAT CHINESE HAVE  
PROPOSED TO JAPAN JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF OIL/GAS RESOURCES  
ON CONTINENTAL SHELF IN EAST CHINA SEA. INITIAL  
PROPOSAL IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN MADE BY VICE PREMIER AND  
NATIONAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN KANG SHIH YIN TO  
KEIZAI DOYUKAI REPRESENTATIVE TADASHI SASAKI ON MAY 25,  
1978, DURING A VISIT BY THE LATTER TO CHINA. MR. SASAKI,  
SANKEI ARTICLE CONTINUED, BRIEFED PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA  
IN EARLY JUNE 1978. PRIME MINISTER WAS SAID TO HAVE  
SHOWN "RATHER A FORWARD-LOOKING ATTITUDE" TOWARD IT.

- AT KANG-SASAKI MEETING KANG REPORTEDLY INDICATED  
CHINESE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS OIL/GAS DEVELOPMENT  
PROJECT CONDUCTED ON A "PRODUCT-SHARING" FORMULA, AND  
THAT CHINA NOT CONSIDERING WORKING ON THIS WITH ANY  
COUNTRY EXCEPT JAPAN.

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2. ARTICLE GOES ON TO ASSERT THAT SASAKI LEFT IT TO  
GOJ-MANAGED JAPAN NATIONAL OIL CORPORATION (JNOC) TO  
PURSUE MATTER FURTHER, AND THAT AS RESULT A MISSION  
LED BY JNOC VICE PRESIDENT JIN MIYAZAKI WENT TO CHINA  
ON JUNE 28 FOR ONE MONTH OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHINESE.

- EMBASSY, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT MIYAZAKI

MISSION IS NOW IN CHINA PRIMARILY TO RECIPROCATATE ON  
BEHALF OF JNOC VISITS WHICH JNOC ALREADY HAS RECEIVED  
FROM CHINESE EXPERTS. THIS ONE-MONTH TOUR INCLUDES  
GENERAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN JNOC TECHNICAL PERSONNEL  
AND CHINESE ON PETROLEUM/GAS, AS WELL AS PLANT INSPECTION  
TRIPS TO OIL FIELDS (E.G., TACHING AND SHENGLI).  
ACCORDING TO A JNOC OFFICIAL, DISPATCH OF MISSION WAS  
RESULT OF JNOC'S OWN INITIATIVE, NOT OF ADVICE FROM SASAKI.  
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